## LOBELIA'S STONY STARE STARTS A **BITTER LAWSUIT**

Resists Efforts of Many Young Men to Make Her Wink.

chorus men pranced before her-those of he-soubrettes and male coryphees. lustrous orbs only stared, refusing ab- These "ladies of the chorus" were blink, and for this reason she was article on Broadway. brought before Magistrate Lynn in the streets to-day.

as that of Lobelia. In spite of her asked for six tickets each." blithe springtime appearance, however,
her case was a sad one, and Magistrate went on rehearsing and waited until

The responsibility of passing on the qualities of one of Lobelia's sex, especially when she happens to be on the stage, the Magistrate medestly said, was one he did not care to shoulder.

Can't Fill the Role.

It is all on account of Gus Edwards that Lobelia was taken to court. He has been impressarioung a new show and he engaged Lobelia for a part in R. 13 how dames, after struggling with her at rehearsallon Hammerstein's

with her at rehear-sailon Hammerstein's Roof Garden, that she wont too at all for the role and wants to get out of his contract.

"Bring her in," said Magistrate Lynn, when he had heard this plea, and a few minutes later three men staggered into the courtroom toting the languid Lobella—in sections. They dumped her on the big table in front of the Judge's desk and he stared down at her in amazement. dumped her on the big table in front of the Judge's desk and he stared down at her in amazement.

"She looks perfectly good to me," he sad, 'aithough I trankly admit my inexperience in such matters."

"She's not perfectly good, Judgo," said Mr. Edwards, plainly showing now his artistic temperament revolted at the sight of her. "She won't wink her eyes, she won't wag her ears, and as for her tail—it's as stationary as othe Singer Building. And I'd like to know what's the good of her if she can't do these little things."

Curbosity as to the kind of an actress who is expected to perform these unique physical feats is natural, therefore he it said that Lobelia is a mule—a "prop" mule, and that Edwards claims her internal mechanism is as inactive as the pyramid of Che-ps.

Henry L. Gebhardt is the plaintiff in the case and also the creator of Lobelia. He manufactures stage properties and he says Lobelia is a triumph of his art. He had an agreement with Mr. Edwards to turn out Lobelia in spick and span shape for \$140 and he got \$25 when he delivered her. Now he wants the remainder.

Too Heavy for the Part.

"This animal. Your Honor," explained Louis Vorhaus, the counsel for the defendant, "is supposed to come in drawing a cart filled with a bevy of rustic lads and merry village lassies, and a prop' mule who can't do stunts with her tail and ears and eyes will certainly not convulse an audience with uncontrollable mirth."

"And she's too heavy," put in Mr. Edwards. "The two young men I cast for her fore and hind legs staggered under her weight, and to get at the string which pulls her tail the one playing that end would have to squirm around like a snake."

Benjamin E. Hyman, the lawyer for the plaintiff, said that Mr. Edwards ought to eraploy stronger onerus men, and Mr. Edwards remarked that chorus men as a class were not very strong, anyhow. This would have brought on a physiological discussion that might have been running yet had not Mr. Vorhaus stepped in and suggested the postpenoment.

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satisfactory to both parties in this suit."
he said. "It will take six good men and true to pass on the proper qualities of a mule, although I think we will have to make a trip to Jersey to find them."

ANDERSON 2 CO So Lobella was once more gathered up and taken away until May 6, when she will once more appear.

# Committee at a meeting to-day named down their colors and admitted defeat. "We found out you can get pretty nearly said young Mr. McGrath. "They couldn't give a comic opera without a chorus and they didn't have time to rehease a new one. We have been working night and day and the principals have been taking things easy, so BOY CHORUS GIRLS

Male Soubrettes of New York University Win After Threat to Strike.

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solutely to even so much as wink or just as exacting as any of the real

"We know our rights and we are Municipal Court at Prince and Wooster going to have them," said A. J. Mo-It is long since the dingy little court, side. "The idea of not putting our which is in the district that used to be names on the programme was ridicuknown as "de bloody Ate," has been lous and just because the Executive brightened with so gladsome a presence Committee was so mean about it we

Lynn may be pardoned for a feeling of gratification over the request of the counsel on both sides for a postponement until May 6 when the case will go before a jury.

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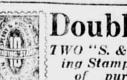
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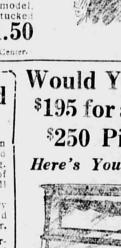
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